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Column One
By
David Courtney

Budget of IL 49m. Results of Talks Proposed at First Cabinet Meeting

By Our Political Correspondent

STEADILY, bit by bit, we are required to let the bygones of the last world war be bygones. The generous injunction has come quicker than any of us had dreamed it would. The motive, of course, is not so much a generous and forgiving heart as the prospect of another war, in which the authors — nationally speaking — of Nazism, Fascism, Pearl Harbour and the like, are to become our allies if we can make it worth their while. The Germans, the Japanese and the Italians have, one supposes, worked their passage back. This fact has been duly recognized in the case of Germany and Japan but not curiously enough, in the case of Italy, which has been given a great deal of dollars and many signs of friendship which is still bound by an ignoble treaty.

SIGNOR de Gasperi, who is to attend the meeting of the North Atlantic Council in Ottawa, has been invited to discuss this very matter with President Truman and Mr. Acheson in Washington; and we may be sure that at the end of it steps will be taken to let ons more set of bygones be bygones. The initiative seems to have been taken by France, whose succession of cabinet crises, general elections and laggard government-forming over the past few months has held up the effective performance of her part of the Franco-Italian deal reached at the Riviera talks earlier this year. The French have drawn London's and Washington's attention to the fact that the Italian peace treaty sets upon Italy the stigma of wartime collaboration with Germany and reflects the Allies' distrust of its former enemy.

THE Germans, who, perhaps, were as much sinned against as sinning, have every right to complain of a state of affairs in which the Germans are being paid handsomely and retrospectively for every stroke of work they may have done in the process of wheeling their passage home, whilst the Italians, who have done everything they were told to do and have hardly ever raised a protest, are still treated as a nation on ticket-of-leave. Not surprisingly, their resentment has been further provoked by the Western plans to hand to Japan a treaty of peace which is hardly less than a diploma for exemplary behaviour.

JAPAN is worthy of the Dulles Treaty and Western Germany of the "most favoured nation" treatment which has been given her in place of a treaty, Italy deserves at least as much, and all three should be invited not merely to be partner in a possible war against Russia but also in the possible prevention of such a war through the means established for that purpose. In other words — and this is one of Italy's claims, which France strongly supports — all three have the right of membership of the United Nations. If bygones are to be bygones the consequences should be faced; and if those consequences include a place in the United Nations for Hungary, Bulgaria and Rumania, as well as for Germany, Japan and Italy, they should still be faced.

THE annulment of the guilt of the war of 1939-45 in the case of the three main aggressors — Germany, Italy and Japan — would seem to call for its annulment in the case of such miserable subordinates as Hungary, Bulgaria and Rumania. The fact that the three main aggressors have resumed the battle of private enterprise whilst the three subordinates have taken to Communism, is hardly a reason for keeping out of the international organization created for the purpose of world peace, even world cooperation and possible world comradeship. The entry of all the ex-enemies, whatever their form of government, to the United Nations at this stage might even be a means of easing greatly the international tension. It would at least have the effect of bringing into the light much that is now conducted in the dark; and would reduce, if but slightly, the massive barrier that now divides one half of the world from the other.

Tel Aviv, September 3.

Results of Talks On Cabinet Near

Rations of Meat
And Vegetables
Coming — Lavor

No Grounds For Coalition — G.Z.

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The General Zionists are expected to inform Prime Minister David Ben Gurion tomorrow that the talks with Mapai representatives have not produced grounds for an agreement on a Coalition.

As between the two, the General Zionists are the less inflexible. Their terms are concerned more with matter than mind; with things than ideas. They are bound by their election promises to a measure of de-control, freedom for private initiative and unified education. On none of these issues, unless they are minded to play "hard-to-get," are the differences between them and Mr. Ben Gurion unbridgeable wide.

Where the G.Z.'s are concerned, the discussion is more likely to turn on the number of Cabinet seats and the portfolios to go with them, by way of adequately matching their strength as a sixth of the new Knesset and its second largest party.

Mapai's Demands

Mapai's position is the more delicate. There still remain the questions of foreign policy, and East-West non-identification;

the education system of which they tend to take an ideological rather than functional view; and freedom from religious pressure — as regards which many in Mapai could not agree with them more.

The question before Mapai is not whether it is better to have the widest possible Coalition, from "wall to wall," but how to act if they are forced to choose between Mapai or G.Z. as partner.

If the Zionist Congress is an index with both the Right and Left not only in the Executive but pledged to cooperation with the State and Government, Mr. Ben Gurion was reportedly approached after it became evident that the present Minister of Agriculture and Food was not willing to carry on with that portfolio.

Meanwhile, reports of further splitting up in the Ministry of Agriculture and Food are circulating in the Ministry. One has it that the Food Industry section would be transferred to the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

At any rate, we should be appreciably nearer knowing where we stand when the two have replied, by tonight, if there is no further delay.

BASEL REPLIES

The Basle City Council has sent a cable to Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Zionist Congress President, expressing the community's gratitude at having been remembered in friendship by the plenary who sent a cable of greeting. The Council good wishes to the first Congress to be convened on the "soil of the Motherland."

GREENS INVADE BLUE STATE

Enemy Force Has Control of Air

By Shaya Shapiro,
POST MILITARY CORRESPONDENT

WITH THE BLUE OPERATIONAL H.Q., Sunday. — The Greens struck unexpectedly last night and invaded half of the Blue State.

At midnight when the war games of the 1951 manoeuvres started, the "enemy" had complete air domination and a marked predominance of armour. Its aircraft "bombed" Beersheba, Tel Aviv and Tzrifin and other places at dawn this morning. His armoured then advanced and his troops captured a number of villages and by-passed others, moving swiftly north.

Tactical Abilities

While the testing of the tactical abilities of commanders is the main aim of the war games, subsidiary problems of a technical nature have not been overlooked.

Engineers, medical corpsmen and others have all been given some problem or other to think about and solve within a given time.

Algebra Problem

These plans may look clear and exciting to the layman, but they are not what the Manoeuvres High Command is interested in. According to a command spokesman, it is not the object at this stage of the manoeuvres to hold a dress rehearsal of any possible system of defence of this country. A pattern has been chosen because some order of things must be set in order to achieve a reasoned exercise.

The "war games" are not

simply a matter of

driving hard or getting up signs and so forth accordingly.

It is a commander's brain test which more often than not

decides the outcome of the game.

The commanders have the air of students taking examinations.

The heart of the manoeuvres is a "neutral" military base where the G.M.C.'s of the blues and Greens are to meet in the vicinity of the M.H.C. Here are eroded the bases and the air of importance which go with all "neutral" bases. A general staff of the manoeuvres has been put on the members of the Defense and Interior Committees and Foreign Affairs Attachés were brought in.

At the operational H.Q. of the Blues, however, there is no battle

but a quiet, if somewhat armed atmosphere reigns. The Chief of Operations has been given the task of preparing a detailed plan of operations shortly after mid-night looks a little tired, but keeps smiling.

Resistance Pockets Left Behind

A military correspondent at the headquarters of the Green forces reports that the Greens launched a strong attack on Saturday night, with the intention of capturing the Blue capital as quickly as possible to water their horses in the river which flows through it.

They were, however, met by fire resistance, and after trying in vain to capture an "enemy settlement" were forced to sweep past it, leaving it surrounded.

The aim of the Green forces

is to advance rapidly, and it thus appears that the attacking command, in order to gain time, will choose the method of leaving uncaptured villages in pockets to be knocked out later.

The Green forces had opti-

mistically set up prisoner-of-war compounds in their rear areas, but this afternoon only two prisoners — a man and a woman — had been captured. The girl's husband was one of the attacking Green forces.

A body of Green soldiers, on the other hand, was captured when it had run straight up a new position and fell into a blue ambush. The officer-in-command refused to provide details of his forces, and burnt all his documents when he saw capture was imminent.

Riley Discusses Huleh with Sharrett

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The U.N. Chief of Staff, Lt. Gen. William E. Riley, called upon Foreign Minister Moshe Sharrett at Hukirya today. The discussions centred on the Huleh situation. Gen. Riley's report to the Security Council, and the exchange of correspondence between the U.N. Chief of Staff, Mr. Sharrett and Ambassador Abba Eban.

The talks are scheduled to be resumed on Thursday.

Present at the meeting were Mr. Walter Ryman, Director General of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Yaakov Shilman, Special Advisor to the Foreign Minister, Mr. Reuven Dafni, Foreign Minister Representative to the Mixed Armistice Commission, and Foreign Minister's Attaché, Mr. Shlomo Avi-Yigal Yadin; the Deputy Chief of Staff, Abdu Mordechai Makif, and the senior delegate to the M.A.C.'s General Headquarters. Gen. Riley was accompanied by M. Henri Vigier, his assistant on the armistice agreements.

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In the press
to date**Social & Personal**

Mr Harry Sacher, a former member of the British Parliament, is now residing in Jerusalem. In the early days of the British Administration, he marking his 70th birthday in London yesterday.

In addition to the law firm in which Mr. Horowitz & Co. are successors, Mrs. Sacher is in Jerusalem for the WIZO Conference.

Mr. Sander, Chairman of the Organization.

Dr. Nathan Aviezer (Gershom), Professor of English Studies in the Ministry of Education, and translator of Shakespeare into Hebrew, has returned from the 12th Wizo World Conference opening on Wednesday last in the Jerusalem Convention Centre.

Mrs. A. Granot was at home in her studio yesterday afternoon to receive delegations to the 12th Wizo World Conference opening on Wednesday last in the Jerusalem Convention Centre.

Mrs. Eliot F. Glassberg, National Vice-President of Hadassah, left by El Al last night.

Mrs. S. Canevetski, Mrs. Aburz Kastellman and Mrs. Esther Sankovitz, all of British delegates to the 12th Wizo World Conference in Jerusalem, are in Israel. Also in Israel are Mrs. Deborah Moskowit, of Bratislava, Miss Margaret Kahn, of Paris, and Mrs. Dorothy Clegg of Paris, as delegates to the Young Wizo Rally which was held in Tel Aviv last week.

Mr. R.H. May, General Manager of the Polytechnic Touring Association, one of the largest agencies of its kind in Europe, has spent a week in Israel investigating the possibilities of expansion for tourism. He consulted with representatives of the Government's Tourism Department.

A farewell party was held on Saturday night at the home of Mrs. R.B. Yarden in Jerusalem, for El Al passengers and crew, who were leaving for air the morning for London where they will give a series of concerts.

**U.J.A. LEADERS
DUE TODAY**

A group of United Jewish Appeal leaders, headed by Mr. Edward M.M. Warburg, General Chairman, and Mr. Morris W. Bernstein of Syracuse, N.Y., National Campaign Cabinet Member, are due to arrive by air today. Accompanying the group is Mr. John Hersey, author of "Hiroshima" and "The Wall."

The U.J.A. leaders are scheduled to meet with Prime Minister David Ben Gurion and other members of the Government, as well as Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Mr. Bert Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive.

Mr. Bernstein will arrive from Paris together with Dr. Joseph Schwartz, Executive Vice-Chairman of the U.J.A., and Mr. Moses A. Levitt, Executive Vice-Chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee.

Mr. Warburg is expected to arrive from London late this evening by BOAC, accompanied by Mr. Hersey and Dr. Abram J. Heschel, Chairman of the Lenox Hill Hospital of New York, both of whom are guests of the delegation.

Henry Bernstein, U.J.A. Executive Director of Greater New York, is also scheduled to arrive from London this morning. The delegation will be completed by Mr. Eliot F. Glassberg, Director of the United Palestine Appeal, who has been in Israel for several weeks.

The delegation is expected to leave Israel on September 13 for Paris where he will attend a Directors' Conference of the J.D.C.

Mr. Ben Gurion in a cables message to the U.J.A. which is starting a campaign to raise \$100 million in 1950, communicated this week, said that the "assistance which American Jewry provides through the U.P.A. is an important factor in the establishment of Israel and can be a major factor in helping to ensure Israel's future."

"...We cannot fight the Jewish propaganda... because most of the movie firms, radio stations and international news agencies are under the influence of Jewish capitalism, not only in the U.S. but also in Britain, France and many other countries."

The only way to combat the Jews, he concluded, was by force of arms. "Forty-million Arabs can eat a million Jews into the sea. They can do this if only they will it, consolidate and fight."

Complete Accord In African Parleys

NAIROBI, Sunday (UPI).—Delegates from eight African nations and colonial powers have reached complete agreement at the defence facilities conference here, Lord Ogmore, the President, announced yesterday at the close of the talks.

The two convening countries—Britain and South Africa—have been instructed to convey to participating governments the recommendations unanimously adopted by the conference.

The talks dealt mainly with air and land transport problems across the continent. Representatives from Ethiopia, South Africa, Southern Rhodesia, Britain, France, Italy, Belgium and Portugal attended.

Where to Go

JEFFERSON
8-9 p.m.: Jerusalem Biblical Zoo, Rehavia.
9-10 p.m.: Exhibit of the month: Engraved glass, Palestine, 3rd-6th century A.D., Donald M. Moore.

THE AVIV
8-9 p.m.: Home Economic Jubilee Exhibition, 11 Rehov Shapira.

HAIFA
8-9 p.m.: Theological and Scientific Seminar, Central Synagogue, Rehov Gilead, 10.

10-11 p.m.: Municipal Museum, 2 Haifa Street.

The History National

OPERA
THE AVIV: "Carmen," 8 p.m. (2 performances this week); Tuesday, Sept. 10, 8 p.m. (2 performances); Sept. 11, 8 p.m. (2 performances).

Shalom & Della
Opera & Ballet, 8 p.m. (2 shows) every evening.

LEONID PHILIPPE
Opera & Ballet, 8 p.m. (2 shows) every evening.

JOSEPH L. GOLDSTEIN
Opera & Ballet, 8 p.m. (2 shows) every evening.

**CARMEL TUNES
TONIGHT**

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K O L YISRAEL
THE resignation of one of the senior members of Kol Yisrael brings to notice again the difficulties under which this hard-working institution continues to labour. Despite the hard and devoted work of the staff, public complaints over the quality of its programmes have not fallen off, and in the broadcasting service itself there is a general air of stagnation.

First, there is the shortage of technical equipment. The loss of the Ramallah transmitters in 1948 was a severe blow from which the system will only recover when the big new transmitters, now under construction on the coast, come into operation next year. It is true that several new studios have been built, but the electrical equipment necessary to make full use of them is either worn out or lacking. Dolal shortage, as elsewhere, is a curb on the proper development of the Service. A number of radio techniques have come into use abroad, but cannot be applied here. What the Prime Minister's office, under whose roof, metaphorically, the Service is accommodated, will be the first to agree is that Kol Yisrael will not be able to provide a first-class service unless a good deal of additional capital expenditure is first made. The Finance Committee in the Knesset should have this fact brought home to it by the Treasury.

Meanwhile, Kol Yisrael, in an attempt to overcome this handicap, is trying to do far too much with the scanty equipment, money and talent available. The hours of broadcasting each day are so long that the harassed producers have no time for adequate rehearsals. In the circumstances, quality is often sacrificed to quantity. And although the weekly programmes contain something for every listener, there have been many complaints about the poor balance of the programmes. One of the troubles is that, with only one local programme on the air at a time, every special need has to be catered for at the peak listening time of the evening. As a result, the general listener, tired after a day's work, is unable to sit down at his radio for an hour's genuine relaxation. This can only be remedied when new transmitters and new wavelengths are available. Then, when two Kol Yisrael programmes can be broadcast simultaneously, a light programme, solely in Hebrew, will be possible together with a second programme, in various languages, and for specialised audiences.

There is, besides, room for younger men and women with greater drive and greater responsibility within the broadcasting service. Suitable personnel is not easily found, for they are required to be sound Hebrewists and good administrators, with a certain technical understanding into the bargain. It is not likely that a solution will be found until it is agreed to divide the functions in such a way that directors of general and administrative ability are supported by assistants with technical qualifications. Reform has long been overdue.

THERE is something so endearing about boots that cartoonists invariably enlarge them on sympathetic subjects: comedians, THE SOLE OF taking their cue from the PROSPERITY great original, Charlie Chaplin, append stiffened ends to their footwear, and so appear chafing, droll or helpless as the situation demands. Even the old lady who lived in a shoe is always portrayed with a boot in the background. The boot thus takes shape in the mind as an enabling force, compounded of laughter and balance and, as the shoemaker who sold out of tennis shoes in the cold, British depression winter of 1933 would agree, to prosperity. Good times are always booted: at the end of "King Lear," Edgar, the coming hero, surveys the array of corpses and comments: "Very booted!" Those were hard times. Good news is traditionally brought by booted and saddled persons: no bare-footed messenger is fit to trust with happy tidings. That is why we are still awaiting the arrival of Seventy Seven Millions. For the Ministry of Communications recently advertised for sale seventy pairs of rubber boots. We like to think that news of good times for Israel will be brought by such men, looking the part and moving in necessarily, in conformity with the campaign against dirt in the cities.

India's Treaty Note Upsets Washington

By KENNETH HARRIS

WASHINGTON (O.P.N.S.) —

INDIA'S refusal to sign the Japanese Peace Treaty at this week's San Francisco ceremony has dismayed the United States Government not so much because of the fact of the refusal itself as because of the way it has been made.

The American authorities are particularly upset that on the eve of the signing of the Treaty India has in diplomatic language condemned the Treaty as denying Japan an equal and honourable place among the free nations and has openly challenged the belief of the United States and the Western nations that the Treaty is acceptable to the Japanese people.

American official thinking goes something like this: The Indians know that we have tried for 18 months to draw up a treaty which will be a model of generosity and reconciliation towards a conquered nation and that the Japanese people have hailed the Treaty as being just.

The Indians must have known that we would be most upset by their note and that the Soviet Union will be delighted to use it at San Francisco to support its arguments that the Treaty is an imperialistic imposition on Japan. If India really wants to be neutral in this matter, why does her Government indirectly assist the Soviet Union propaganda by coming out at the last minute with such trenchant and unjustified criticism of America's honest and well-meant efforts?

Fallacious Arguments

Why, too, does India use such specious and, in American opinion, "fallacious" arguments against the Treaty? Why, for instance, does India now bring up arguments which she never brought up in her five and a half years as member of the Far Eastern Commission which ran Japanese affairs after World War II? And why does she bring up arguments which contradict one another? For instance, India says that Japan should get back those territories which are historically Japa-

nese. This principle, say the Americans, is contrary to the principle agreed upon at Potsdam which laid down that Japanese sovereignty should be confined to the four home islands and such smaller ones as should afterward be agreed upon.

India never questioned this before, say the Americans, but if she wants to apply this principle now then it follows that the Japanese should get back the Kuriles and the Ryukus. Yet the Indians say the Kuriles should go to the Soviet Union while the Ryukus should go back to Japan. Why, the Americans ask, do the Indians suddenly introduce these new arguments, and, having introduced them not follow them through logically and impartially?

Tools of Soviet

I can say that after talking with high American State Department officials that there is no suspicion in their minds that the Indians are acting as spokesman for or tools of the Soviet Union. The feeling here is that the Indian Government, pressed by its domestic political situation, have come out with a resounding blast which they intend to prove themselves absolutely independent of Western influence even to the point of advancing arguments which attack the Western position at a critical time.

Some officials wonder whether the Indian Government has concluded that the signing of the Japanese Peace Treaty will be the signal for the Soviet Union and the Chinese Communists not merely to re-open the offensive in Korea, but also to extend the offensive to Indo-China and other parts of South-East Asia. They wonder whether India is consequently anxious to try to keep out of trouble by establishing well in advance of not only that she disapproves of the Japanese Treaty but that she has done everything to prevent its being signed, even to the point of offending the United States Government and all the other countries who stand with it on this issue.

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KEEPING POSTED

THE "Washington Post" of August 4 carried The Washington Merry-Go-Round column by Drew Pearson, which included the following item entitled "Communism Of Arabs":

"Though it was known that an agent of the former Grand Mufti of Jerusalem assassinated King Abdullah of Transjordan, it is not generally known that the Grand Mufti, having been Hitler's paid agent in the Near East, has now taken over the same job for Moscow. The Mufti has turned up at various Pan-Islamic meetings throughout the Middle East as the tool of Moscow and stager of revolt against the West. And to show that Moscow is the great friend of the Arab world, the Mufti has been given the job of establishing an Arab university in Communist Warsaw. Furthermore, it is now beginning to look as if the Grand Mufti and his agents were behind the assassination of the late pro-British Premier of Iran and the murder of other leaders friendly to the West. One significant aspect of the Mufti's operations is the way the Nazis and the Communists not only are using the same tactics, but bet their money on the same man. During the war, Hitler and Mussolini paid the Mufti nearly half a million dollars. And on April 5, 1945, just one month before the war ended, the Nazis signed a contract with him to continue stirring up trouble in the Near East. Though Hitler killed himself soon afterward, the Mufti is certainly carrying out his part of the bargain."

READERS flooded our office with letters over the weekend protesting that our militiamen were being carried too far, even allowing for the necessities of the current ma-

MODERN ROAD-MAKING



A new tar machine at work on an interurban road.
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SITTING ON THE FENCE

By NATHANIEL GUBBINS

WHAT ARE THE BEST YEARS OF YOUR LIFE?

After exhaustive enquiries Dr. Gubbins, the Fleet-street quack, is able to answer some aspects of this problem.

For a start, at what age are you most likely to fall in love?

If you judge men by films of American college boys, actors in Hollywood, or elderly American millionaires, they fall in love at almost any age between 18 and 80 and roughly about once a year.

This is because all men (yes, even Englishmen) are polymamous by nature. The difference is that Englishmen don't do much about it.

Most men cash in on only one of these love affairs, making the object of a passing whim, they spend the rest of their lives feeding, clothing and housing the object, and its children. At Christmas, they feed and house its relatives, too.

During this time they are falling in and out of love with other women, but usually do nothing about it, either because they fear public opinion or because they can't afford it. This makes them cross and quarrelsome and may be the cause of war, for all I know.

In some Eastern countries, where the polygamous nature of men is recognized, they fall in love at almost any age.

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in love several times a year, are able to do something about it on each occasion, and are hardly ever quarrelsome.

The classic case is King Solomon, who fell in love 1,000 times, married 1,000 women and for some reason or other was called the wisest man on earth.

At what age are you likely to make the most money?

When you have been married to the passing whim for several years and have earned enough dependants to cover it for you.

As the Government will take what the dependants have left you might ask why have I bothered to make any money at any time?

There is no answer to this question.

At what age does your personality undergo its greatest change?

After the honeymoon with the passing whim. When you have awakened from a romantic dream to the realities of hills, rates, taxes, housing problems, fuel cuts, tiffs, tantrums and toddlers, we get the first glimpse of the grumpy old bore you are going to be.

At what age is it easiest for you to learn?

If you have learned nothing from the above, you will never learn anything. At any age.

ASKED what had most impressed her abroad, a returning acquaintance of ours, mindful of recent scenes in queues for crockery in Jerusalem, when excited crowds had even stormed the police and smashed shop windows,

mainly for Silver." Since his own followers betrayed him, and he was not even made a member of the Council, it was impossible to seat him in the Praesidium. And so that's how it came about that the American General Zionist killed the last chance for conciliation.

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Jerusalem, August.

Readers' Letters

ARABS PROTEST DISCRIMINATION

FIFTH COLUMN

To the Editor of THE POST

Sir, — I was told about the brief report in THE JERUSALEM POST of August 1 concerning the uprooting of several hundred fruit trees in our orchards by the neighbouring Ben Ami Settlement and the slack Police attitude which prompted my advocate's sharp complaint.

We are eleven peasant families comprising some 80 souls. We have all in all some 150 metric dunums of land planted with more than 3,000 fruit trees. Vegetables are also grown between the trees of the orchards. We and our fathers have been tilling the soil ever since we remember. Even during the recent war we stuck to our soil and did not abandon it. The Israel forces found us there when they took the area on May 20, 1948. I have an official certificate to that effect.

All went well until the end of 1949 when the Ben Ami people settled in the neighbourhood. Some bureaucrats, it seems, had allotted them our lands without even caring to inspect it and see if it occupied by us. To cover up the mistake it was alleged that we were "absentees" which, of course, is a lie. The new "leases" of our lands and orchards encroached on our lands and stopped our water supply. We applied to Court in summer 1950 and upon a mandatory injunction being given the encroachments stopped and the water flowed again.

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AMERICAN IMMIGRANTS

To the Editor of THE POST

Sir, — About two years ago, I published an article in this newspaper entitled "The Arab Question in Israel: An Individualist View." Its essence (to which the editor expressed his opposition in the same issue) was, in brief, as follows:

After all that had happened between the Arabs and us in the last decades there was no logical basis to state that a quiet and harmonious life between the two peoples in this one land was within the realms of possibility. Not at least in the first two to three generations.

When the fighting ended two and a half years ago, we all assumed that our enemies would reconcile themselves to the fact that they had been defeated, and that in a few months or in a year relations between ourselves and our late enemies would become normal again. But now it is quite clear that a true peace is still far away. The Arab States are preparing for another round, with the support of their allies, both open or secret, and they will strike when the right time arrives. Even if there were a full peace treaty between Israel and all the Arab States in accordance with the diplomatic procedure, this would not change the desires of 25,000,000 enemies against, let us say, 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 Jews of Israel. The mighty pressure of revenge is well known to all of us from abundant examples all over the world.

Yours etc.,

MOSHE GOLDBERG

Hitachdut Olei America

Tel Aviv, August 14

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